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Agency Name:	Dept. of Public Utilities
Official Title:	Economist II
Functional Title:	Economist II
Occupational Group:	Other
Position Type:	Civil Service
Full-Time or Part-Time:	Full-Time
Salary Range:	\$48,547.72 to \$69,964.18 Annually
Bargaining Unit:	06
Shift:	Day
Confidential:	No
Number Of Vacancies:	1
City/Town:	Boston
Region:	BOSTON
Facility Location:	South Station, Boston
Application Deadline:	04-30-2013
Apply Online:	No
Posting ID:	J35199

This position is funded from the Commonwealth's annual operating budget.

Duties:

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The economist applies a broad mix of economic and public policy skills in analyzing issues and cases before the DPU. He/she will work both individually, and as a team member with other economists, accountants, and attorneys on a range of cases, including: gas forecast and supply plans; gas procurement processes; gas supply contracts; 3-year energy efficiency plans as required by the Green Communities Act; service quality plans; license applications for gas suppliers and gas retail agents and gas rate cases. The position requires competency in cross-examining company and intervention witnesses, reviewing analyzing and preparing oral and written recommendations for the Commission on utility requests for changes in base rate revenue requirements, base revenue allocations and rate design as required by An Act relative to competitively priced electricity in the Commonwealth, and other surcharges, and utility financing arrangements. The economist participates in all facets of assigned cases, including developing information requests, questioning expert witnesses during hearings, drafting memoranda and policy recommendations, and writing sections of DPU orders.

Qualifications:

Minimum Entrance Requirements:

Applicants must have at least (A) three years of full-time, or equivalent part-time, professional

experience in the field of economics, or (B) any equivalent combination of the required experience and the substitutions below.

Substitutions:

I. A Bachelor's degree with a major in economics may be substituted for a maximum of two years of the required experience.*

II. A Graduate degree with a major in economics may be substituted for the required experience.*

III. A Bachelor's or higher degree with a major other than in economics may be substituted for a maximum of one year of the required experience.*

Special Requirements: None.

Preferred Qualifications:

Knowledge of: (1) the principles of economics; (2) mathematical techniques used in solving economic problems; (3) the principles and techniques of economic research; (4) the terminology and standard abbreviations used in statistics; (5) the methods and techniques of statistics as applied to economics; and (6) the methods of technical report writing; (7) the theory and practice of research design; and (8) the methods of statistical report writing.

Ability to: (1) analyze and determine the applicability of economic data, to draw conclusions and make appropriate recommendations; (2) perform mathematical calculations using formulae to solve economic problems; (3) perform statistical calculations using formulae to solve economic problems; (4) understand and apply the policies, procedures, specifications, standards, guideline, laws, rules and regulations governing assigned unit activities; (5) gather information by examining records and documents; (6) prepare technical reports; (7) assemble items of information in accordance with established procedures; (8) establish and maintain harmonious working relationships with others; (9) read and interpret such documents as economic research studies; (10) write clearly and concisely; (11) solve problems and devise techniques and procedures for accomplishing economic research studies where few precedents or guidelines are available; (12) give written and oral instructions in a precise and understandable manner; (13) determine the proper format and procedure for assembling items of information; (14) coordinate the efforts of others in accomplishing assigned work objectives; (15) lead a group of workers; and (16) supervise, including planning and assigning work according to the nature of the job to be accomplished, the capabilities of subordinates and available resources, determining subordinates' training needs and providing or arranging for such training, motivating subordinates to work effectively, determining the need for disciplinary action and either recommending or initiating disciplinary action.

Comments:

- This is a Civil Service position.
- Salary is commensurate with experience.

- The successful candidate may be required to attend a two week utility regulation course held out of state.

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How To Apply:

Please submit your cover letter and resume to:

Wesley Layne
Human Resources Director
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Fax: (617) 478-0874
Email: DPU-HR@State.MA.US

To ensure consideration, resume and cover letter must be postmarked by midnight on the deadline date. Please reference #J35199 on all correspondence.

Help our environment by emailing or faxing your cover letter and resume, if possible. Thank you!

Agency Web Address:

www.mass.gov/dpu

Diversity Officer:

Wesley Layne (617) 305-3636 or wesley.layne@state.ma.us

An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Females, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.